



MANITOBA SECTION

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WANT COMMISSION NAMED AT ONCE

Editor, GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE:—I write to let you know that the Grain Growers are still alive in St. Claude. We have 67 members in our branch and intend to get the balance to join. We are buying our twine through the association and have drawn up an elevator petition and had it signed by 84 of the grain growers and forwarded by our secretary, W. J. Tremorin, to our esteemed representative in the legislature, the Hon. R. P. Roblin. The last time he spoke to the farmers in St. Claude he said anything they wanted they only need ask and they would receive. Now, the time for action has arrived and we, as Grain Growers, and each one of us, have the privilege of casting our ballot-asking him, through the elevator commission, to give us relief from the present conditions under which we are obliged to sell our wheat. We have only the Western elevator in St. Claude. As a rule they pay from three to five cents a bushel less than they pay at Rathwell, nine miles west, and they always try to beat you down a grade. They play a "skin" game right through. We grow about 100,000 bushels of wheat. Last fall 61 cars were shipped over the platform and about 26 through the elevator. There is still a lot of wheat in the farmers' hands which they have to haul to Rathwell unless they have a carload as this elevator does not buy wheat in the spring. We, the organized Grain Growers of St. Claude, expect that the Roblin government will appoint the members of the elevator commission at an early date and provide a government elevator in St. Claude in time to handle our wheat this fall.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM GRAINGER,
Vice-Pres., St. Claude Branch

UP TO SIR WILFRID

Editor, GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE:—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is going to visit the west some time in July. May I offer the suggestion that the central executive draw up two resolutions, one asking the Dominion government to take over the terminal elevators and one asking them to build the Hudson Bay Railway at once, send a copy of each to every branch of the association in the west and let the members of each branch vote on the resolution and return to the central executive and appoint a delegation to place the demands of the Grain Growers before the premier when he is in the west.

MANITOBA GRAIN GROWER.

SPRINGFIELD MEETING

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Springfield branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association was held at the North Springfield school house May 5. After transacting the usual business, the meeting was addressed by W. J. Powell, who explained the work of the association, also that of the Grain Growers' Grain Company and of the Home Bank. The meeting was also addressed by R. Fisher, of Oak Bank, discussing co-operation and the tariff. Six new members were enrolled.

A good number of shares in the Home Bank, also in the Grain Growers' Grain Company, were taken. Several new subscriptions to THE GUIDE were secured. It was voted that the next meeting be held at the Cornwall school house, June 2, to consider the purchasing of twine.

C. E. MACKENZIE, Sec.-Treas.

BUY LOCAL FLOUR

Editor, GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE:—At a meeting of the Waskada branch of the Grain Growers' Association, held April 30, the following motion was passed and I was instructed to forward a copy to THE GUIDE:

Moved by Ed. Strange, seconded by Mr. Artridge: "That we, the members of the Waskada branch of the Grain Growers' Association, agree to buy flour, manufac-

tured only by our local mill at Deloraine and Melita.

S. H. GRIFFITH, Sec.

ANNUAL CATTLE SALE

The sixth annual cattle sale of the Manitoba Cattle Breeders' Association to be held in Brandon, June 1st next, has the following contributors:

Aberdeen-Angus

Jas. Cathrea, Carberry, 1; R. Curran & Sons, Emerson, three.

Shorthorns

Robt. Smaith, Brandon, one; J. J. Sproule, Minto, one; A. and D. Stewart, Westbourne, two; A. A. Titus, Napinka, one; J. E. Telton, Oak Lake, one; Geo. Allinson, Burnbank, one; Henry Armstrong, Forrest, one; P. M. Bredt & Sons, Edenwold, Sask., four; Wm. Chalmers, Brandon, three; M. Chester, Nings, one; John Crawford, Chater, two; G. Lees Ferguson, Souris, two; R. L. Lang, Oak Lake, two; J. Mansfield, Brandon, two; A. T. Merrell, Nings, one; J. I. Miller, Myrtle, one; Archibald McLaren, Car-

berry, two; Sir Wm. Van Horne, five. Representing, as these do, the best herds of Manitoba and Saskatchewan (the first time the leading herd of Shorthorn cattle from Saskatchewan has contributed any of their prize winners) this will afford purchasers an opportunity for securing first class specimens at their own figure, that they cannot afford to miss; representing, as they do, the following families, Sylvas, Mayflowers, Duchess, Missies, Bessies, Eunices. Anyone up in Shorthorn pedigrees will recognize these as the best families in breeding.

FUNERAL OBSERVANCE BY MANITOBA SCHOOLS

This department has a number of inquiries as to what the schools should do on Friday, 20th inst. I desire to say that it is the wish of the Department of Education that all teachers should make an effort to commemorate the death of the late King Edward VII., on the day of the funeral, by some reference to his life and work, and to the ceremony taking place in England on that day, in order to draw the attention of the children, prominently, to the importance of the death of the King and the succession of George V.

The department will leave the making of arrangements entirely in the hands of the several boards of trustees, and will recognize and confirm anything they may see fit to do in the way of having some ceremony in or at the schools under their respective charges. Unless your board directs otherwise the ordinary school duties will be followed on that day.

G. R. COLDWELL, Minister of Education.

of a series of papers on popular leaders of the Progressive movement: "President Taft's Administration Up To Date" and "Some Fruits of Corporation and Machine Rule," by the editor of the magazine. Mr. Flower also contributes an important book study entitled "Vital Social and Economic Literature," in which Frederic C. Howe's new book, "Privilege and Democracy in America," is handled in the illuminating manner characteristic of this writer's book studies.

These features, together with a number of interesting editorials and book reviews and the news of fundamental and economic advance, make up one of the most interesting and valuable issues of this strong and thought-compelling magazine.

THE ELEVATOR FINES

(Moose Jaw Times)

Fines aggregating \$5,550 were imposed against three terminal elevator companies by Magistrate T. M. Daly, in Winnipeg, last week. One escaped with a nominal fine of \$50; another was found guilty on five charges and fined \$500 for each; and the third was found guilty on six charges of a similar character and fined \$500 for each offence. Full particulars of the cases, which were prosecuted by the Dominion government under the Grain Act, are given in our news columns. The defendants appear satisfied with the findings of the police magistrate's court, for no notice of appeal has been given and cheques for the full amount of the fines have by this time reached Ottawa.

The cases are of special interest in that it is the first time an investigation of this nature and gravity has been held under the act; also in that they show without doubt that the inspection system when properly carried out is, in a measure,

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a safeguard to the grain trade. But these are not the most important features of the grain trade emphasized by the prosecution of these elevator companies.

Three companies were found guilty on twelve different offences. How many offences have been committed during the past ten years about which nothing has been heard?

Why did the elevator companies run the risk of being caught and heavily fined? It must be that it paid them to do so, and a system under which it pays to be crooked is not a right system, much less a perfect system.

The investigation was conducted in secret. Why? Was it because that secret agencies had to be resorted to in order to find out the truth?

The full particulars of each case have not been made public. It would be interesting to know the how, the why, and the wherefore of each offence for which these heavy fines were imposed.

These twelve offences mean that a wrong has been done the producers of the wheat. They have suffered in loss of grade or weight or both. The fines imposed do not remedy the wrong, by returning to the wronged that which rightfully belongs to them.

But the most important question that arises is this: "How long is the banner wheat province of Saskatchewan going to submit to a transportation system under which the wealth of the province passes under the control of private manipulators outside the province; who come between the producer and consumer for the sole purpose of getting all the money they can out of both?"

How can the province of Saskatchewan relieve itself of this system?

What good will government ownership of provincial internal elevators do the farmers of Saskatchewan if the government-owned elevators have to hand over the grain to these same terminal elevators that have paid these large fines?

It is admitted that the line elevator is the small end, and in many cases the losing end of the grain trade; that the millionaires are made by the possession of the grain when it reaches the terminals. Therefore would not government ownership of internal elevators, with company ownership of the terminals, only relieve the money kings of the grain trade, of that which is of least importance to them?

The payment of these fines by these terminals elevator emphasizes in a marked manner the magnitude of the task set before the elevator commission of the province of Saskatchewan.

GRAND TRUNK EXHIBIT

Cable message has been received from Brussels, Belgium, at the offices of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Winnipeg, advising that their building and the exhibit in the building had been fully completed in time for the opening of the great international exposition which opened at Brussels on Saturday, April 23.

At all the great international exhibitions and world's fairs during the past years, the Grand Trunk have been given the credit for having their building and exhibit completed for the opening day and this reputation has been kept up for the Brussels show.

The exhibit which the Grand Trunk have placed there this year is probably the best that they have ever installed, and includes special features in connection with the system in the east, as well as

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